

# ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES MINOR

The undergraduate minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies (ISME) is intended to offer students access to two complementary perspectives, the transregional study of Islam and Muslim societies in interaction with surrounding cultures, and the Middle East as a complex region seen through multiple disciplinary perspectives.

## Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

The minor consists of five courses, which must be taken in at least two different departments; at least one course must be from the Department of Religious Studies, and at least one course must be at an advanced level (400 and above).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
RELI 180 or HIST 138	Introduction to Islamic Civilization <sup>1</sup> History of Muslim Societies to 1500	3
One of the following three courses:		3
HIST 139	History of Muslim Societies since 1500	
HIST 276	The Modern Middle East	
RELI 181	Modern Muslim Societies	
Three elective courses (see course lists below)		9
<b>Additional Requirements</b>		
Three of the five courses in the minor (including the required courses listed above) must be selected from one of two subject categories—either Islamic studies or Middle Eastern studies—as indicated by the two lists of approved courses below.		
The other two courses must come from the other category.		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Both courses cover material from the seventh century to 1500

One language course at level 5 or higher in Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi-Urdu, Persian, or Turkish can count as a course toward the minor. Up to two courses in Islamic and Middle East studies at Duke University may count toward the minor if approved by the director of the minor.

The minor is housed in the Department of Religious Studies and directed by Dr. Juliane Hammer, a member of the department, who is responsible for advising all students who minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies (as necessary beyond general academic advising).




























## Islamic Studies

Code	Title	Hours
ARAB/ASIA/RELI 681	Readings in Islamicate Literatures	3
ASIA 59	First-Year Seminar: Media Masala: Popular Music, TV, and the Internet in Modern India and Pakistan	3
ASIA 331	Cracking India: Partition and Its Legacy in South Asia <sup>H</sup>	3
ASIA/HIST 135	History of the Indian Subcontinent to 1750	3
ASIA/HIST 136	History of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh: South Asia since 1750	3
ASIA/HIST 138	History of Muslim Societies to 1500	3
ASIA/HIST 139	History of Muslim Societies since 1500	3
ASIA/RELI 180	Introduction to Islamic Civilization	3
ASIA/RELI 181	Modern Muslim Societies	3
ASIA/RELI 582	Islam and Islamic Art in South Asia	3
ASIA/RELI 584	The Qur'an as Literature	3
GEOG 448	Transnational Geographies of Muslim Societies	3
GSL/RELI 218	Christianity and Islam in the Middle Ages	3
PWAD/RELI 481	Religion, Fundamentalism, and Nationalism	3
RELI 64	First-Year Seminar: Reintroducing Islam	3
RELI 185	Women/Gender/Islam <sup>H</sup>	3
RELI 248	Introduction to American Islam <sup>H</sup>	3
RELI 279	Islamic Law, Ethics, and Practice	3
RELI 289	Muhammad and the Qur'an	3
RELI 385	Modern Muslims and the Qur'an	3
RELI 480	Modern Muslim Literatures	3
RELI 485	Gender and Sexuality in Islam	3
RELI 486	Islam and Feminism/Islamic Feminism	3
RELI 580	African American Islam	3
RELI 581	Sufism	3
RELI 587	Islam and Sexual Diversity	3
SOCI 419	Sociology of the Islamic World	3

<sup>H</sup> Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

## Middle Eastern Studies

Code	Title	Hours
ARAB 150	Introduction to Arab Cultures	3
ARAB 151	Arabic Literature through the Ages	3
ARAB 211	Arab Comics	3
ARAB/ANTH 214	Medicine in the Arab World	3
ARAB 350	Women and Leadership in the Arab World	3
ARAB/ANTH 354	Everyday Lives in the Middle East: Anthropological Perspectives	3

ARAB/ANTH 432	 Science and Society in the Middle East	3
ARAB 434	 Modern Arabic Literature in Translation	3
ARAB 453	 Film, Nation, and Identity in the Arab World	3
ASIA 73	 First-Year Seminar: Popular Culture in the Arab World	3
ASIA 126	 Introduction to Persian Literature	3
ASIA 235	 Israeli Cinema: Gender, Nation, and Ethnicity <sup>H</sup>	3
ASIA 431	 Persian Sufi Literature	3
ASIA 435	 The Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa	3
ASIA/CMPL 256	 Love in Classical Persian Poetry	3
ASIA/CMPL 258	 Iranian Prison Literature	3
ASIA/CMPL 359	 Literary Diasporas of the Middle East	3
ASIA/CMPL 442	 Postcolonial Literature of the Middle East	3
ASIA/GEOG 447	Gender, Space, and Place in the Middle East	3
ASIA/HIST 276	 The Modern Middle East	3
ASIA/HIST 277	 The Conflict over Israel/Palestine	3
ASIA/HIST 536	Revolution in the Modern Middle East	3
ASIA/HIST 538	The Middle East and the West	3
ASIA/HIST/WGST 537	Women in the Middle East	3
ASIA/JWST 60	 First-Year Seminar: Israeli Culture and Society: Collective Memories and Fragmented Identities	3
ASIA/JWST 436	 Language, Exile, and Homeland in Zionist Thought and Practice	3
ASIA/JWST/PWAD 462	 The Arab-Jews: Culture, Community, and Coexistence	3
ASIA/PWAD 69	 First-Year Seminar: Wars and Veterans: Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan	3
ASIA/RELI 583	 Religion and Culture in Iran, 1500-Present	3
ASIA/WGST 127	 Iranian Women Writers	3
ASIA/WGST 329	 Middle East Women Writers	3
ASIA/WGST 471	 Gender and Sexuality in Middle Eastern Literature	3
GEOG 59	 First-Year Seminar: Space, Identity, and Power in the Middle East	3
GERM 385	Schein/Sein: Turkish German Culture, 1964 to Today	3
HIST 63	 First-Year Seminar: Water, Conflict, and Connection: the Middle East and Ottoman Lands <sup>H</sup>	3
HIST 163	 Modern Central Asia <sup>H</sup>	3
HIST 273	 Water, Conflict, and Connection in the Middle East	3
HIST 511	9/11 in World History <sup>H</sup>	3
JWST/RELI 343	 Religion in Modern Israel	3

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See the program page here (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba/#opportunities>) for special opportunities.

## Department Programs

### Majors

- Religious Studies Major, B.A. (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba/>)
- Religious Studies Major, B.A. – Jewish Studies Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba-jewish-studies-concentration/>)

### Minors

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- Jewish Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/jewish-studies-minor/>)
- Religious Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-minor/>)
- Study of Christianity and Culture Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/study-christianity-culture-minor/>)

### Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Religious Studies (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies/>)
- Ph.D. in Religious Studies (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies/>)

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